
Introduced by Senator Torlakson

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An act to add Section 25005.6 to the Public Resources Code, relating to energy resources.

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SB 309, as introduced, Torlakson. Energy resources: petroleum infrastructure projects: legislative findings and declarations.

The existing Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to implement and administer various energy generation and conservation programs in the state.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations related to the need to improve reliability and efficiency and increase energy production capacity in the state to meet the demand for cleaner burning transportation fuels and declare the intent of the Legislature to amend the act, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25005.6 is added to the Public
- 2 Resources Code, to read:
- 3 25005.6. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of
- 4 the following
- 5 (1) California's supply of transportation fuel is not keeping
- 6 pace with growing demand.

1 (2) California consumers desire to use the cleanest available
2 transportation fuels, and the state has been a pioneer in the
3 development of cleaner burning gasoline and other cleaner
4 burning transportation fuels.

5 (3) In the past two decades, the number of petroleum refineries
6 in California and the nation has declined, and no new refineries
7 are anticipated in the state.

8 (4) It is becoming more difficult for California refiners to
9 improve reliability and efficiency, and to make incremental
10 capacity increases to meet demand growth for cleaner burning
11 transportation fuels. Imports of finished cleaner burning
12 transportation fuels and blending stocks are now critical to
13 balancing supply and demand in California.

14 (5) Ports, marine terminals, refineries, pipelines, terminals,
15 and other elements of the California petroleum infrastructure are
16 proving to be inadequate for producing and handling increased
17 volumes of cleaner burning transportation fuels.

18 (6) California faces potentially serious transportation fuel
19 imbalances over the next several years, which necessitate
20 immediate action by the state on a statewide basis.

21 (7) The purpose of this section is to identify the problems
22 facing the state and encourage the promotion of incremental
23 investments in new, more reliable, more efficient, and
24 environmentally superior components of the California
25 petroleum infrastructure.

26 (8) The commission has commenced an informational
27 proceeding to evaluate petroleum infrastructure development
28 constraints. The purpose of this proceeding is to continue the
29 evaluation of constraints on the state's petroleum refining,
30 importing, storage, and pipeline systems and to examine the
31 extent to which improvements in permitting and other options
32 would help expand this infrastructure and increase the state's
33 supply of transportation fuels.

34 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to amend this division to
35 reflect the results of the petroleum infrastructure development
36 constraints proceeding.